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[Report No. 105–245]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 9, 1997

Mr. BUMPERS (for himself, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. FORD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERREY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. REED, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. GLENN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. REID, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. SARBANES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

JULY 10, 1998

Reported by Mr. D'AMATO, with an amendment

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress hereby finds the following:

5 (1) Jean Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls La-
 6 Nier, Melba Patillo Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria
 7 Ray Karlmark, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Ernest
 8 Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and Jefferson Thomas,
 9 hereafter in this section referred to as the “Little
 10 Rock Nine”, voluntarily subjected themselves to the
 11 bitter stinging pains of racial bigotry.

12 (2) The Little Rock Nine are civil rights pio-
 13 neers whose selfless acts considerably advanced the
 14 civil rights debate in this country.

15 (3) The Little Rock Nine risked their lives to
 16 integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Ar-
 17 kansas, and subsequently the Nation.

18 (4) The Little Rock Nine sacrificed their inno-
 19 cence to protect the American principle that we are
 20 all “one nation, under God, indivisible”.

1 (5) The Little Rock Nine have indelibly left
2 their mark on the history of this Nation.

3 (6) The Little Rock Nine have continued to
4 work toward equality for all Americans.

5 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDALS.**

6 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The President is
7 authorized to present, on behalf of Congress, to Jean
8 Brown Trickey, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo
9 Beals, Terrence Roberts, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Thelma
10 Mothershed Wair, Ernest Green, Elizabeth Eckford, and
11 Jefferson Thomas, commonly referred to the “Little Rock
12 Nine”, gold medals of appropriate design, in recognition
13 of the selfless heroism such individuals exhibited and the
14 pain they suffered in the cause of civil rights by integrat-
15 ing Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas.

16 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
17 presentation referred to in subsection (a) the Secretary of
18 the Treasury shall strike a gold medal with suitable em-
19 blems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the
20 Secretary for each recipient.

21 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—Effective
22 October 1, 1997, there are authorized to be appropriated
23 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

1 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

2 (a) STRIKING AND SALE.—The Secretary of the
3 Treasury may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the
4 gold medals struck pursuant to section 2 under such regu-
5 lations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient
6 to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies,
7 use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of
8 the gold medal.

9 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF APPROPRIATION.—The ap-
10 propriation used to carry out section 2 shall be reimbursed
11 out of the proceeds of sales under subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL MEDALS.**

13 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national
14 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United
15 States Code.

16 **SEC. 5. COMMEMORATIVE COINS.**

17 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 101(7)(D) of the United
18 States Commemorative Coin Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–
19 329, 110 Stat. 4009) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(D) *MINTING AND ISSUANCE OF COINS.*—

21 *The Secretary—*

22 “(i) *may not mint coins under this*
23 *paragraph after July 1, 1998; and*

24 “(ii) *may not issue coins minted under*
25 *this paragraph after December 31, 1998.”.*

1 **(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.**—*The amendment made by this*
2 *section shall be construed to have the same effective date*
3 *as section 101 of the United States Commemorative Coin*
4 *Act of 1996.*

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